

DME UPDATE APRIL 2009

CMS has end-dated **E1340** effective **4-1-09**. **K0739** is the replacement code.

A6217 was added to the fee schedule with manual pricing and PA required.

Effective **May 1, 2009**:

A4230 quantity limit of 16 per calendar month. Quantities over the limit will require a PA.

A4231 quantity limit of 16 per calendar month. Quantities over the limit will require a PA.

Effective for new requests with dates of service beginning **June 1, 2009**:

1. Enteral formulas will be priced using calorie per unit for codes **B4149, B4150, B4152, B4153, B4154 and B4155**. The calorie per unit is indicated on the fee schedule for each of the codes.

2. The following codes **B4157, B4158, B4159, B4160, B4161 and B4162** will continue to use manual pricing. The calorie per unit is listed on the fee schedule for each of these codes if applicable.

3. The individual listings for the formulas will be removed from the fee schedule. This change will eliminate the need to have individual formulas added to the fee schedule.

4. This change mirrors Medicare pricing methodology and will allow uniform pricing.

5. This change will not affect the prior authorizations that have been issued prior to June 1, 2009.

DME Update for February, 2009

E9083 has been added to the fee schedule. PA required. Rental and purchase allowed.

E0483 has had a purchase reimbursement added. This code requires a purchase after the trial period if continued medical necessity exists.

A9999 is to be used when requesting additional extension sets for mic-key g-tubes. It requires a PA and is manually priced.

A6217 has been added to the fee schedule and requires a PA.

The following codes will have reimbursement changes effective 4-1-09:

A4233, A7030, A7038, B4083, B9002, E0130, E0135, E0141, E0143, E0148, E0149, E0154-56, E0193, E0250-51, E0255-56, E0260-61, E0265-66, E0271-72, E0277, E0290-97, E0305, E0310, E0371-73, E0580, E0601, E0910, E0940, E0950-52, E0973, E0981, E0990, E0995, E1020, E2209-10, E2361, E2363, E2365-66, K0015, K0017-20, K0037-47, K0050-53, K0098, K0195, K0841, L3806.

The rate changes will be shown on the fee schedule in the update column until April 1 when they will be placed in the fee column. **Please refer to the fee schedule posted with revision date February 2009.**

DME Update for January 2009

Please use **B9998** when requesting the mic-key g tube kits. We are making this change from E1399 to better fit the item with the code. Until Feb. 15, either code will be allowed when the item is requested. Requests after Feb. 15 will be returned for proper coding if E1399 is used.

E0483 - This item is to be rented during the trial period. If after the trial period a continued rental is requested, documentation must support the continued rental versus a purchase.

L3334 is being added to the fee schedule. PA is required.

Oxygen rates effective for 2009: Effective Jan. 1, 2009

A4608 \$52.63 E1355 \$22.40 K0738 \$51.63

A4619 \$1.27 E1390 \$175.79

E0424 \$175.79 E1391 \$175.79

E0431 \$28.77 E1392 \$51.63

E0434 \$28.77 E1405 \$212.61

E0439 \$175.79 E1406 \$192.71

New Codes for 2009 added to fee schedule: E0656, E0657, E0770, E1354, E1356, E1357, E1358, E2230, E2231, E2295, K0672, L0113, L6711, L6712, L6713, L6714, L6721, and L6722.

Codes deleted for 2009: L2860, L3890, L5993, L5994, L5995, L7611, L7612, L7613, L7614, L7621, and L7622.

The **policy on the coding of rental wheelchairs** during the time of repair has not changed. The item being rented during the repair should be coded the item that is dispensed as the rental. K0462 will be valid for Medicare crossovers only. DMS considers the use of the code for the actual chair being dispensed as a rental to be the more efficient way to monitor utilization and reimbursement.

Beneprotein has been added to the fee schedule with reimbursement of \$0.40 per pkt and \$10.82 per can.

Diabetesource has had a reimbursement change to \$2.32 per can.

Clarification regarding extension of a PA: No PA will be extended after the PA has expired without approval from DMS. The December update indicated that there would be no extensions. There are no other changes to that policy update from December.

E0118 has been added to the fee schedule. The code requires PA with no rental allowed.

A6532 has been added to the fee schedule. The code requires PA with no rental allowed.

L5781 has been added to the fee schedule. The code requires PA with no rental allowed.

DME Update: Oxygen rate changes effective for 2009

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